

Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum at Wedgewood Resort

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Curator of Textile Collection - Barb Cerny

Mission: The mission of the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum is to preserve and display historical automobiles in the United States prior to World War II, and to showcase the heritage of the automobiles during Alaska's territorial days.

History: The spark for the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum was lit in 1974 when Tim Cerny purchased his first vintage car--a 1951 Dodge Wayfarer. Over the years his enthusiasm for old cars and America's colorful automotive history escalated, eventually leading to plans for building America's northernmost car museum. The dream moved closer to reality with the purchase of a significant portion of the J. Parker Wickham automobile collection in 2007. The following spring Tim's company, Fountainhead Development, broke ground for the new museum.

For several years Tim and his colleagues researched and acquired additional cars of American manufacture from throughout North America and Europe. These cars represent significant or interesting developments in automotive design or engineering, or are extremely rare survivors. Other vehicles in the collection have Alaska provenance or are examples of the some of the earliest cars to reach Alaska. Tim's desire to preserve these historical treasures and share them with the public became a reality when the Fountainhead Museum opened its doors on June 1, 2009.



The Collections: Inside our 30,000 square-foot facility you'll find beautiful antique vehicles, vintage Alaska photographs and videos, numerous artifacts, and a viewing area to watch restoration work. Approximately 60 of the museum's many vehicles are on display at a time, with several cars rotated every few months. The Alaska Gallery showcases some of Alaska's earliest cars and the historic Valdez-Fairbanks Trail.

You'll also find an impressive display of vintage clothing and accessories alongside the cars. Approximately 60 outfits, dating from the late 1700s through the 1930s, are on display. Barb Cerny, Tim's wife and the curator of the textile collection, has arranged most of the fashions to mirror the time periods represented by the cars.

A Living Museum: Unlike most other car museums, all but our most fragile vehicles are "exercised" regularly. Each is carefully maintained in operating condition, and on most summer evenings you can find one motoring around Wedgewood Resort or participating in a local run-around.

Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum on the grounds of Wedgewood Resort Fairbanks Alaska
The Fountainhead Museum is a member of Museums Alaska and the National Association of Automobile Museums.